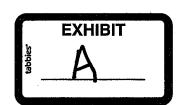
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CLERK OF RECORDEIVIL ACTION—LAW

EDWARD J. SMITH; and XPO LOGISTICS,

Case No.: 0760 0

Defendants.

TO: XPO Logistics

3200 Industries Drive Richmond, Indiana 47374

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ANA L. FRANK,

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: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS : OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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EDWARD J. SMITH; and XPO LOGISTICS,

: Case No.:

Defendants.

TO: Edward J. Smith

20 Lancaster Avenue

Lancaster, New York 14086

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS 2021 GEC 23 PM 2: 28 FERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

CLERK OF RECORDS PROTHONOTARY CIVIL ACTION—LAW

EDWARD J. SMITH; and XPO LOGISTICS,

Case No.:

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

CIVIL COMPLAINT

AND NOW, comes Plaintiff, ANA L. FRANK, by and through her attorneys, THE TRAVIS LAW FIRM, P.C., and files the within COMPLAINT against Defendants, EDWARD J. SMITH and XPO LOGISTICS, stating in support as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK is an adult individual who resides at 1418 West 11th Street, Apt. 3, Erie, PA 16502.
- 2. Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH is an adult individual who upon information and belief resides at 20 Lancaster Avenue, Lancaster, New York, 14086.
- 3. Defendant XPO Logistics ("XPO") is a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Indiana with a principal place of business at 3200 Industries Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374.
- 4. The facts and events hereinafter described occurred on or about January 18, 2020, at approximately 7:25 a.m. on Route I-90 in Erie County, North East Township. Pennsylvania.
- At all times material hereto, Plaintiff, ANA L. FRANK, operated a 2016 5. Kia Sportage, bearing Pennsylvania license plate 25844138 (VIN KNDPBCAC9G7821330).

- At all times material hereto, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, operated a
 Westernstar Freightliner, bearing Indiana license plate 2494730 (VIN
 3AKBGADV2ESFY7257).
- 7. At all times material hereto, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH was an agent, servant and employee of Defendant XPO LOGISTICS, and acted with the express and implied authority of Defendant XPO LOGISTICS, in furtherance of the business interests of said Defendant.
- 8. On or about January 18, 2020, at approximately 7:25 a.m., Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK was the driver of a 2016 Kia Sportage traveling eastbound on Interstate 90 in Erie County, North East Township, Pennsylvania.
- 9. At that same time and place, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH was operating a 2014 Westernstar Freightliner, owned by Defendant XPO LOGISTICS, traveling eastbound on Interstate 90 in Erie County, North East Township, Pennsylvania, behind Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK.
- 10. Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH failed to slow the vehicle owned by XPO LOGISTICS and crashed directly into the rear of Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK's vehicle, which then propelled her vehicle into the rear of the vehicle traveling ahead of her, with her vehicle eventually coming to rest after being thrust into the highway median strip.
- 11. Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK sustained injuries as a result of the crash caused by Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, and include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) Neck Pain;
 - (b) Back pain;
 - (c) Migraine headaches;

- (d) Vertigo;
- (e) Tinnitus;
- (f) Miscarriage of unborn child;
- (g) Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD);
- (h) Panic Attacks;
- (i) Anxiety; and
- (j) Severe shock, strain or sprain of the nerves, muscles, tissues, ligaments and vessels of the musculoskeletal system.
- 12. The accident has left Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK susceptible to additional injuries in the future to those areas weakened by the accident.
- 13. Some or all of the injuries of Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK may be permanent in nature, and all of which caused her pain and suffering since the crash and which may cause her pain and suffering in the future.
- 14. As a further result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK has suffered severe physical pain and suffering, discomfort, mental pain and suffering, mental anguish, anxiety, humiliation, an inability to pursue her usual activities, and loss of enjoyment of life, and she may continue to suffer the same for an indefinite period of time in the future to her great detriment and loss.
- 15. As a further result of the aforesaid, Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK has been obliged to receive and undergo medical attention and care and has had to incur various expenses in an attempt to cure said injuries, and Plaintiff may be obliged to continue to expend such sums or incur such expenditures for an indefinite period of time in the future, and claim is made therefor.

- 16. As a result of Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK's ongoing medical expenses, medical and health insurance liens may be asserted against her, and claim is made therefor.
- 17. As a result of the aforementioned injuries, Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK has sustained work loss, lost income, loss of opportunity and a permanent diminution of his earning power and capacity, and claim is made therefor.
- 18. Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK was a full tort insured at the time of the accident.

COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE

ANA L. FRANK V. EDWARD J. SMITH

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates by reference hereto all general allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 18 above.
- 20. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant, EDWARD J. SMITH, was an agent, servant and/or employee of Defendant, XPO LOGISTICS, INC.
- 21. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant, EDWARD J. SMITH, was acting in the course and scope of his employment and with the express and/or implied authority of Defendant XPO LOGISTICS and/or in the furtherance of its business interests.
- 22. The foregoing accident and all of the injuries and damages set forth hereinafter sustained by Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK are the direct and proximate result of the negligent and careless manner that Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH operated the motor vehicle owned by XPO LOGISTICS, which consisted of the following:
 - (a) failing to keep alert and maintain a proper watch for the presence of others on the roadway;

- (b) failing to notice Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK'S vehicle;
- (c) failing to have his vehicle under such control as to be able to stop within the assured clear distance ahead;
- (d) failing to apply his brakes in sufficient time to avoid striking the vehicle of Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK;
 - (e) failing to keep his eyes on the roadway;
 - (f) failing to pay attention to the roadway;
 - (g) operating a motor vehicle while distracted;
- (h) operating a motor vehicle when he was not properly licensed and/or trained to do so;
- (i) operating his vehicle when he knew or should have known that he was not sufficiently capable or experienced to do so safely and prudently; and
- (j) permitting his vehicle to strike and collide with the rear of the vehicle operated by Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK.
- 23. As a direct and proximate result of negligence of the Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, as set forth above, the Plaintiff, ANA L. FRANK was injured as set forth in paragraph 11, *supra*.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff ANA L. FRANK demands judgment in her favor against Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH for all damages recoverable under the law and in an amount in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), together with the costs of this action.

COUNT II - NEGLIGENCE

ANA L. FRANK V. XPO LOGISTICS

- 24. Plaintiff incorporates by reference hereto all general allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 through 23 above.
- 25. At all times material hereto, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, was an agent, servant, and/or employee of Defendant XPO LOGISTICS.
- 26. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, was acting in the course and scope of his employment and with the express and/or implied authority of Defendant XPO LOGISTICS and/or in the furtherance of its business interests.
- 27. All of the resultant damages sustained by Plaintiff, ANA L. FRANK, were the direct and proximate result of the negligent conduct of the Defendant, XPO, as follows:
 - (a) on the basis of respondeat superior for the negligence of its agent, Servant, and/or employee, Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH, as detailed hereinabove at Paragraph 22, the same being incorporated herein at length;
 - (b) in negligently permitting Defendant EDWARD J. SMITH to operate a motor vehicle in the course and scope of his agency, service, and/or employment when it knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care, should have known that he was not properly trained and/or qualified to operate said motor vehicle;
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Respectfully Submitted,

THE TRAVIS LAW FIRM, P.C.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document was served upon all parties of record by First Class United States Mail, Certified Mail or by hand delivery/ courthouse box on this 23rd day of December, 2021.

Ву:

Dara M. Bucholtz, Esquire 100 State Street, Suite 210

Erie, PA 16507

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The undersigned certifies that this filing complies with the provisions of the Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts that require filing confidential information and documents differently than nonconfidential information and documents.

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ANA L. FRANK, COMMON PLEAS COURT

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Defendants.

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COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE

ANA L. FRANK V. EDWARD J. SMITH

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A JURY TRIAL BY TWELVE (12) IS HEREBY DEMANDED.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this document was served upon all parties of record by First Class United States Mail, Certified Mail or by hand delivery/courthouse box on this 28th

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Respectfully Submitted,

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ANA L. FRANK,

OF ERIE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Plaintiff,

CIVIL ACTION—LAW v.

EDWARD J. SMITH; and

XPO LOGISTICS, Case No.: 12760-21

Defendants.

VERIFICATION

I, ANA L. FRANK, hereby state that the facts contained in the within First Amended Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. This statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities and is given pursuant to the provisions for verification of pleadings as defined and provided for in Rule 1024 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure.

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